

OPINION 955

TROPIDOGASTER BLAINVILLII DUMÉRIL & BIBRON, 1837
(REPTILIA): SUPPRESSED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the following names are hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy:

(a) the generic name *Tropidogaster* Duméril & Bibron, 1837;

(b) the generic name *Tritropis* Fitzinger, 1843;

(c) the specific name *blainvillii* Duméril & Bibron, 1837, as published in the binomen *Tropidogaster blainvillii*.

(2) The generic name *Chalarodon* Peters, 1854 (gender: masculine), type-species, by monotypy, *Chalarodon madagascariensis* Peters, 1854, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1938.

(3) The specific name *madagascariensis* Peters, 1854, as published in the binomen *Chalarodon madagascariensis* (type-species of *Chalarodon* Peters, 1854) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2441.

(4) The following generic names, as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above, are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

(a) *Tropidogaster* Duméril & Bibron, 1837 (Name No. 1989);

(b) *Tritropis* Fitzinger, 1843 (Name No. 1990).

(5) The specific name *blainvillii* Duméril & Bibron, 1837, as published in the binomen *Tropidogaster blainvillii* (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 962.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1860)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. Richard Etheridge in August 1968. Dr. Etheridge's application was sent to the printer on 29 August 1968 and was published on 28 February 1969 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **25** : 224-226. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184) and to two specialist serials. The proposals were supported by Prof. Hobart M. Smith (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **26** : 120), Dr. H. Wermuth, Dr. Carl Gans and Dr. J. Lazell.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 1 June 1970 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (70)23 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **25** : 225. At the close of the prescribed

voting period on 1 September 1970 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—fifteen (15), received in the following order: Holthuis, Melville, Brinck, Lemche, Eisenmann, Sabrosky, Vokes, Obruchev, Tortonese, Jaczewski, Mertens, Munroe, Binder, Forest, Ride.

Negative votes—one (1): Starobogatov.

Voting Papers not returned—six (6): do Amaral, Bonnet, Evans, Kraus, Mayr, Simpson.

Commissioner Alvarado returned a late affirmative vote.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists and Indexes by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

blainvillii, *Tropidogaster*, Duméril & Bibron, 1837, *Erpét. gén.* 4 : 300

Chalarodon Peters, 1854, *Monat. König. Akad. Wiss. Berlin* : 616

madagascariensis, *Chalarodon*, Peters, 1854, *Monat. König. Akad. Wiss. Berlin* : 616

Tritopsis Fitzinger, 1843, *Syst. Rept.* : 59

Tropidogaster Duméril & Bibron, 1837, *Erpét. gén.* 4 : 329.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (70)23 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 955.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

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